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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

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TOPIC Soviet Troops and Materiel Detained in Eisenach

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1. Trucks and other motor vehicles were unloaded at the Eisenach freight station on 21 April 1950. They were parked in the street beside the freight station. All trucks were loaded with baggage, lockers, beds, etc. About 20 tank trucks and some repair shop trucks were also seen. The number of **vehicles detained** was not known but there were so many that they had required the loading capacity of several trains. Troops seen with the vehicles wore epaulets of various types, including red and crimson ones. There were numerous officers.
2. A unit of about 30 motorcycles went from the railroad station toward the town at noon on 21 April 1950. Some of the motorcycles were of German origin. Some had sidecars. The unit returned to the railroad station in the afternoon.
3. Twenty tanks, allegedly type T34, were unloaded from 10 to 11 p.m. on 21 April 1950. The tanks assembled in the streets before the freight station. **Their left headlights were dimmed (narrow light slit) while the right headlights threw a full beam of light.**
4. Eight to ten light armored reconnaissance cars, **allegedly** the size of German Volkswagen, were in front of the freight station on 22 April 1950. About 10 rail-type rocket launchers on self-propelled mounts and some radio trucks were seen on railroad cars on 22 April 1950.

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5. Some trucks had wooden spare wheels, 45 to 50 cm wide, with metal hub and six or seven rows of pointed, three-cornered teeth on the bearing surface. The spare wheels were presumably used on rough terrain.
6. Local residents said that troops and materiel had been detrained for the past four or five days, usually at night. It was said that about 80,000 troops were expected to move to the Kindel troop training grounds.

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Comment:

The report refers to the detraining in Eisenach of Eighth Gds Army units. The trains were observed between 18 and 22 April 1950\*. The previous assumption that the troops would be detrained in Eisenach and move to the Kindel troop training grounds was confirmed by the report.

The statement that 80,000 troops were expected to arrive in the Kindel area is greatly exaggerated but may be taken as an indication that the troop training grounds will be heavily occupied, presumably by component units of the XALX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps as in 1949.

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